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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1225

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, TD

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON MAHABIR'S

WASHINGTON VISIT

REF: STATE 104784 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN A TELEVISED SPEECH MAY 23 (SEPTELS), PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS TOLD TRINIDADIAN THAT, AS A RESULT OF MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ERROL MAHABIR'S HIGH-LEVEL TALKS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK, THE GOTT NOW WILL SUBMIT "FURTHER DATA AND DETAILS" TO US AUTHORITIES. THIS SUBMISSION WILL BE MADE IN REFERENCE TO TRINIDADIAN CONCERN OVER THE PROPOSED AMERICAN AIRLINES ROUTE TO BARBADOS, THE PROPOSED NEW CAB CHARTER REGULATIONS, AND BWIA'S DESIRE FOR ADDITIONAL ENTRY POINTS. THE PRIME MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT MAHABIR'S RECEPTION WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND THAT HE WAS AFFORDED "EVERY OPPORTUNITY" TO MAKE A FORCEFUL PRESENTATION OF GOTT VIEWS.

2. COMMENT: THIS MEASURED STATEMENT IS IN CONSIDRABLE CONTRAST TO EARLIER GOTT EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER THIS SUBJECT (REFTELS), AND I THINK IT ACCURATELY REFLECTS ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION WHICH USG DESIRED TO IMPART TO
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MAHABIR. MY STAFF AND I ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR DEPT'S

HARD WORK IN ARRANGING EFFECTIVE SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS
FOR MAHABIR.

3. I AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO ANY FURTHER REPLY TO
DR. WILLIAMS' ORIGINAL LETTER (STATE 104784).
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